

O A K H A M U R B A N D I S T R I C T C O U N C I LA N N U A L R E P O R T

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for the

Y E A R E N D I N G 31 S T . D E C E M B E R , 1941000V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Birth Rate for England and Wales ... ..	14.71
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ...	16.36
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average populations ...	8.4

Death Rate for England and Wales ... ..	12.9
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Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births...	Nil
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Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales...	59
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C A U S E S O F D E A T H

<u>All causes</u>	<u>Males</u> <u>16</u>	<u>Females</u> <u>17</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory type ... ..	-	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ... ..	1	1
Cancer of all other sites... ..	1	3
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions... ..	2	3
Heart Disease ... ..	7	2
Bronchitis... ..	1	2
Pneumonia... ..	-	1
Other respiratory diseases ... ..	-	1
Other digestive disorders... ..	-	1
Other violent causes.. ...	-	1
All other causes... ..	4	1
	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### 1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,  
Camb.

The Medical Officer acts for the Leicestershire & Rutland combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - H. Tabberer, Sanitary Inspector's  
Certificate Royal Sanitary Institute.

The Sanitary Inspector is also the Surveyor of the Urban District.

### (ii) Laboratory Facilities

#### Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Leicester

Throat Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Cerebro-spinal Fluid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Faeces and Urines	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Blood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Waters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Vaginal Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### 1. (1) WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

	<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Bacteriological</u>
(a) from wells...	Nil	Nil
(b) from pipe supply..	1	8

Results of samples taken:-

(a) from wells...	{ Unsatisfactory	5
	{ Satisfactory	3
(b) from pipe supply..	1	"

The supply has been much restricted for most of the year. Samples taken early in 1942 showed good results.

### (ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

There were no cesspools constructed or abolished during the year.

Total number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
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### 2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end of 1941:-

(1) Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2) Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
(3) Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,036

Number of privies and pail closets converted to the water carriage system during the year ... 1

Number of pail closets abolished ... 4



Water or sewer are not available to 19 of the above 43 Pail Closets. Others will disappear as a result of Demolition Orders or conversion etc. in the near future. Pail Closet conversions to water carriage for the last 5 years have been 18, 79, 16, nil and 1 - average 23.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

No improvements have been made during the year. The difficulty of obtaining new dustbins has made it necessary to relax our usual standards.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received ... .. 11  
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered ... .. 9

Nature of inspections:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Revisits</u>
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	8	30
Tents, Vans, etc.	-	-
Slaughter houses	1	-
Food premises	39	8
Dairies and Cowsheds	9	2
Offensive Trades	-	-
Animal keeping	2	1
Workshops, etc.	20	-
Shops	15	-
Other premises	20	7
	<u>287</u>	<u>48</u>

Since May 1940 the Sanitary Inspector has had the added duty of Salvage Officer. He has also since "Munich" had the duty of fitting, issuing and repairing respirators, as no other accessible Officer is available. These extra duties necessarily restricted his outside activities as Sanitary Inspector. The difficulty of getting work done, owing to shortage of men and materials became more pronounced during the year.

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during the year	1	41
Complied with during year	1	40
Outstanding 31st. December	-	1
Statutory action necessary	-	-
<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding on 1st. Jan	12	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during the year	3	-
Outstanding 31st. December	9	-

All the above were Demolition Orders, 6 of which are operative and 3 are subject to undertakings accepted by County Court.

(iv) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of Council Houses infested ... ..	Nil
Number of other dwelling houses found infested ... ..	1
Number of houses disinfested ... ..	1

(v) SCHOOLS

/keep The sanitary conditions are satisfactory and the water supply is good. The restricted supply from the mains makes it difficult to/School sanitary conveniences flushed as they should be.

(vi) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Owned by School Trustees and loaned to the Council ... ..	1
Number of inspections, ... ..	3

There is an efficient chlorination and filtration Plant.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (Other than Cowkeepers)</u>
Number on the Register ... ..	7	10
Number of inspections of premises ...	9	7
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year ....	-	-
Number of contraventions found during the year ... ..	1	-
Number of contraventions remedied ....	1	-

MILK SAMPLING

	<u>Total number of samples taken for bacteriological examination during 1941</u>	<u>Number satisfactory</u>	<u>Number unsatisfactory</u>
Ordinary	1	1	-

(b) MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC.

Number of inspections ... ..	16
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PLACES WHERE FOOD OTHER THAN MEAT IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE

Number of inspections ... ..	25
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10 lbs ham and 3 stones fish were voluntarily surrendered as unfit.

HOUSING

(1) INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 101

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 140



2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932... .. 1

3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation... .. 1

4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... .. 2

(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers... .. 2

(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(a) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders... .. 3

(4) HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of 1941... .. 1  
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein... .. 1  
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein... .. 7

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year, 1941

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Dysentery	9	1	1
Scarlet Fever	6	3	1
Diphtheria	1	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	1
Erysipelas	5	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	1
Measles	7		1
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	2	2	1
Whooping Cough	12	1	1

AGE GROUPS

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under one</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-3</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>4-5</u>	<u>5-10</u>	<u>10-15</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>20-35</u>	<u>35-45</u>	<u>45-65</u>	<u>65 &amp; over</u>
Dysentery				1		1	3	1	1	1	1	
Scarlet Fever				1		4	1					
Diphtheria							1					
Cerebro Spinal M.	1					1						
Pneumonia												1
Erysipelas							1	2		1	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia									2			
Measles	1			1	1	2	2					
Whooping Cough	1	3	1		4	3						

# TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1940

AGE GROUPS	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5-15								
15-25		1	1					
25-35	1							
35-45								
55-65	1							